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OUT LOUD—I
THOUGHT HE WAS
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A GUN!

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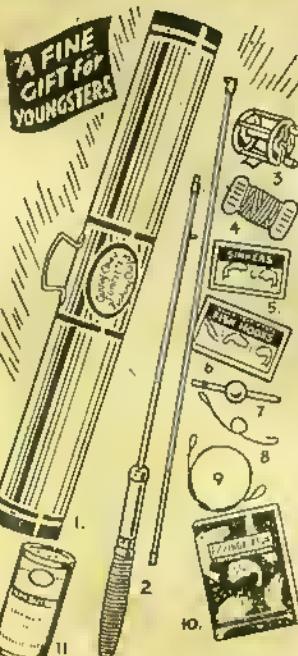
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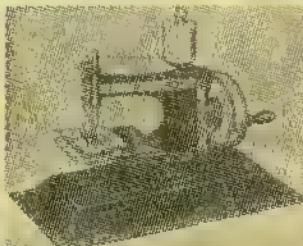
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ADVICE TO COMIC READERS FOR BAD SKIN

Stop Worrying Now About Pimples, Blackheads
And Other Externally Caused Skin Troubles
JUST FOLLOW SKIN DOCTOR'S SIMPLE DIRECTIONS

Have you ever stopped to realize that the leading screen stars whom you admire, as well as the beautiful models who have lovely, soft white skin, were all born just like you with a lovely smooth skin?

The truth is that many girls and women do not give their skin a chance to show off the natural beauty that lies hidden underneath those externally caused pimples, blackheads and irritations. For almost anyone can have the natural, normal complexion which is in itself beauty. All you have to do is follow a few amazingly simple rules.

Many women shut themselves out of the thrills of life — dates, romance, popularity, social and business success — only because sheer neglect has robbed them of the good looks, poise and feminine self-assurance which could so easily be theirs. Yes, everybody looks at your face. That beautiful complexion, which is yours for the asking, is like a permanent card of admission to all the good things of life that every woman craves. And it really can be yours — take my word for it! — no matter how discouraged you may be this very minute about those externally caused skin miseries.

Medical science gives us the truth about a lovely skin. There are small specks of dust and dirt in the air all the time. When these get into the open pores in your skin, they can in time cause the pores to become larger and more susceptible to dirt particles, dust and infection. These open pores begin to form blackheads which become in-

fected and bring you the humiliation of pimples, blackheads or other blemishes. When you neglect your skin by not giving it the necessary care you leave yourself wide open to externally caused skin miseries. Yet proper attention with the double Viderm treatment may mean the difference between enjoying the confidence a fine skin gives you or the embarrassment of an ugly, unbeautiful skin that makes you want to hide your face.



The double Viderm treatment is a formula prescribed by a skin doctor with amazing success and costs you only a few cents daily. This treatment consists of two jars. One contains Viderm Skin Cleanser, a jelly-like formula which penetrates and acts as an antiseptic upon your pores. After you use this special Viderm Skin Cleanser, you simply apply the Viderm Fortified Medicated Skin Cream. You rub this in, leaving an almost invisible protective covering for the surface of your skin.

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Incidentally, while your two jars and the doctor's directions are on their way to you, be sure to wash your face as often as necessary. First use warm water, then cleanse with water as cold as you can stand it, in order to freshen, stimulate and help close your pores. After you receive everything, read your directions carefully. Then go right to it and let these two fine formulas help your dreams of a beautiful skin come true.

Just mail your name and address to Betty Memphis, care of the New York Skin Laboratory, 206 Division Street, Dept. 90, New York 2, N.Y. By return mail you will receive the doctor's directions, and both jars, packed in a safety-sealed carton. On delivery, pay two dollars plus postage. If you wish, you can save the postage fee by mailing the two dollars with your letter. If you are in any way dissatisfied, your money will be cheerfully refunded. To give you an idea of how fully tested and proven the Viderm double treatment is, it may interest you to know that up to this month, over two hundred and twelve thousand women have ordered it on my recommendation. If you could only see the thousands of happy, grateful letters that have come to me as a result, you would know the joy this simple treatment can bring. And, think of it! — the treatment must work for you, or it doesn't cost you a cent.

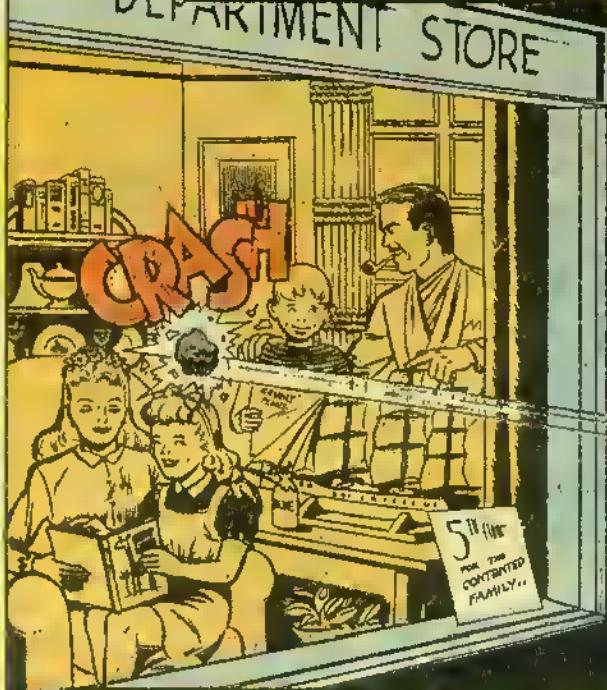


DAREDEVIL

and the LITTLE WISE GUYS

DEPARTMENT STORE

Story by
CHARLES BIRO



Art by
NORMAN MAURER

IT HAS BEEN STATED THAT IF FICTIONAL HEROES WOULD MIND THEIR OWN BUSINESS (AND IN SOME CASES THEY PROPERLY SHOULD), INCALCULABLE THOUSANDS OF STORIES MIGHT NEVER HAVE BEEN WRITTEN. THE OLD FASHIONED, NEVER ERRING HERO HAD HIS DAY. IT'S NEEDLESS TO SAY THAT NO ONE IS PERFECT. EVEN A HANDSOME MALE STAR OF A STORY HAS THE RIGHT TO AN OCCASIONAL ERROR IN JUDGEMENT, IF HIS MISTAKE IS MADE IN THE PROCESS OF ATTEMPTING TO DO GOOD. WHEN A HERO DELIBERATELY BECOMES INTERESTED IN OTHER PEOPLES' PROBLEMS, IT ISN'T BECAUSE HE'S A NOSEY RUBBERNECK BUT RATHER AN INTENSELY RIGHTEOUS CITIZEN WHO WANTS TO HELP HIS NEIGHBOR, AS WE ALL SHOULD - WHENEVER, AND WHEREVER WE CAN. DAREDEVIL WILL BEAR ME OUT IN THE FOLLOWING STORY WHICH BEGAN A FEW YEARS AGO, DURING WHICH INCIDENT HE WAS OUT OF COSTUME.

Charles Biro



WHY WASTE
SHOE LEATHER
UNLESS YOU'RE
AFRAID OF
HIM!

SAY, MISTER, YOU'D BETTER GET THOSE KIDS OFF THE BACK OF YOUR CAR OR YOU'LL BE GETTING A SUMMONS. I SAW A BOY GROUND TO PIECES ONCE, JUST LIKE THAT!

THANKS! I'VE CHASED THOSE LITTLE HOODLUMS TWICE ALREADY!

VINELAND

ALL RIGHT, YOU FRESH KIDS! I'M CALLING A COP!

THAT GUY IN THE CAR SNITCHED! I HEARD HIM!

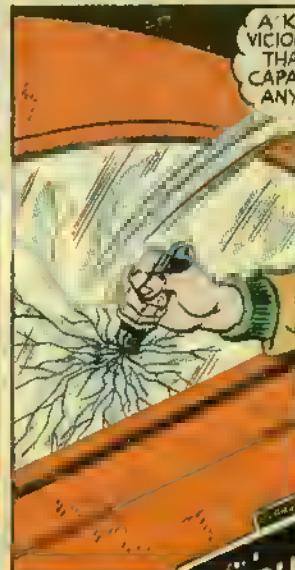
THIS IS AS FAR AS WE WANTED TO GO, ANYWAY!

LY. ENTRANCE

I'LL TEACH THIS DIRTY SQUEALER A LESSON!

END OF STREET

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IS SHE ONE OF THE KIDS WHO WAS HITCHIN' ON THE STREET CAR?

IF YOU DON'T MIND, OFFICER, I'D LIKE TO SETTLE THIS MATTER JUST BETWEEN THE TWO OF US!



SORRY FELLER, I CAN'T OBLIGE! THAT'S A LITTLE HARSH—IT WAS ONE OF HER FRIENDS WHO BROKE MY WINDOW! WHAT GOOD WILL IT DO TO RUN HER IN?

LOOK, BUDDY I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT IF THESE BRATS AREN'T NIPPED IN THE BUD, THEY GO ON FROM THERE!

THAT'S JUST IT—THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I WANT TO HAVE A CHAT WITH HER! I'M BART HILL! I LIVE AT ONE PARK SOUTH DRIVE, IF THAT MEANS ANYTHING TO YOU?

TELL ME IT WAS BILLY SANDS, BUT WHEN WE HONEST, HE JUST LOST HIS HEAD! MY NAME'S ANITA HOUSE! BY THE WAY, WHAT'S YOUR NAME, AND WHO WAS THE BOY WHO BROKE MY WINDOW?

GRAY! GOSH, IT WAS SWELL OF YOU, MR. HILL—not to let THAT COP ARREST ME! I LIVE THERE STREET!



PLEASE DON'T COME IN WITH ME! IT'LL ONLY MAKE DAD Madder THAN EVER! HE'S AWFUL SINCE MOM DIED! I'LL PROMISE NOT TO HITCH RIDES ANY MORE IF YOU'LL JUST NOT TELL HIM!

OKAY, BUT REMEMBER YOUR PROMISE—NOW JUST TO MAKE SURE I'VE GOT IT RIGHT—BILLY LIVES AT 212 B STREET!



BECAUSE YOU SQUEELED TO THE MOTORMAN, THAT'S WHY! AND I'D DO IT AGAIN! GOODBYE, NOW, OR IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO KNOW, WISE GUY?

WHO LIVES HERE WITH YOU?



NOBODY! I LIVE HERE ALONE—WHAT'S IT TO YOU? WHY DON'T YOU RUN ALONG LIKE A GOOD BOY?

C'MON, BILL, STOP TRYING TO SOUND TOUGH—WISE TALK DOESN'T MAKE A GUY A STRONGER OR A BETTER FIGHTER! WHAT DO YOU DO FOR A LIVING?



I DON'T NEED MONEY! I CAN CHARGE WHAT I WANT AT THE STORE ON THE CORNER AND MY UNCLE PAYS IT WHEN HE'S IN TOWN! NOW, WILL YOU GO?

SO THAT'S IT! WITHOUT A DECENT HOME LIFE, YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF STRIKES AGAINST YOU RIGHT FROM THE START!

I DON'T WANT TO PREACH, BUT I'VE SEEN KIDS LIKE YOU WHO WOULD HAVE WOUND UP BEHIND THE EIGHT BALL IF THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY HADN'T FOUND A GOOD HOME FOR THEM!

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY, ARE YOU KIDDIN'? I'M SIXTEEN! I DON'T WANT NO CHARITY HOME! I'M DOING FINE ON MY OWN! I GOT A PLACE TO LIVE AN' ALL I WANT TO EAT! I LIKE IT THIS WAY!

NOW LOOK, YOU'RE AT AN AGE WHERE YOU NEED ADVICE AND CARE FROM SOMEONE REALLY INTERESTED IN YOU. WITHOUT IT YOU'RE LIKELY TO DO THINGS YOU SHOULDN'T, LIKE TODAY, AND GET IN SERIOUS TROUBLE! I'D LIKE TO HELP YOU!



CUT OUT THE SOFT SOAP! IF YOU WANNA REPORT ME, GO AHEAD! BUT I'M WARNIN' YA, IF I GET STUCK IN SOME LOUSY ORPHAN ASYLUM, I'LL GET EVEN WITH YOU! NOW OUT!

OKAY, YOUNGSTER! HAVE IT YOUR WAY! I'LL LEAVE YOU ALONE, NOT BECAUSE OF YOUR威脅, BUT BECAUSE I'M SORRY FOR YOU! THINGS ARE TOUGH ENOUGH FOR YOU ALREADY!

I SHOULD REPORT HIM, BUT I HATE TO DO IT! HE'S SO SET AGAINST A HOME HE'D FIGHT ANY GOOD INFLUENCE THAT HE MIGHT GET FROM ONE! HE'D PROBABLY KEEP RUNNING AWAY AND MAKE THINGS EVEN WORSE!

LATER
HEY, LOOK WHAT I FOUND! IT'S STERLING SILVER! BET OLD MAN HAMMOND GIVES US FOUR BITS FOR IT!

PUT IT IN THE SACK WITH THE REST OF THE STUFF, JOEY!



THROW IT AWAY,
BILLY, PLEASE! WHY
DO YOU WANT IT?
IT'LL GET YOU
IN TROUBLE!
PLEASE,
BILLY!

AW, QUIT WORRYIN'
IT'S ALL RUSTY! IT
WON'T WORK! I JUST
WANT IT FOR A
SOUVENIR! YOU
KNOW, TO HANG ON
THE WALL LIKE
THEY DO IN THE
MOVIES!

SURE, AND LIKE IN
THE MOVIES, SOME-
ONE TAKES IT FROM
THE WALL AND SHOOTS
SOMEBODY, BILLY! I'M
SCARED! PLEASE
THROW IT
AWAY!

DON'T BE A DOPE!
IT DOESN'T WORK,
I TELL YA!

AW, LET
HIM KEEP
HIS GUN! C'MON,
ANITA, LET'S
GO HOME!

SEE YOU
TONIGHT, KIDS!
I'LL COME
OVER AFTER
SUPPER!



THREE YEARS LATER...



I CAN'T SAY THE SAME FOR YOU! YOU'RE CHEAP AND FLASHY AND UN-EDUCATED! AND TOO DUMB YET TO REALIZE THAT YOUR SIXTH GRADE EDUCATION IS WRITTEN ALL OVER YOU!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I'M SMART ENOUGH WITHOUT SCHOOL! I GOT MORE DOUGH THAN ANY OF THE SAPS IN HERE TONIGHT! YOU KNOW YOU'RE NUTS ABOUT ME! LET'S SEE IF YOUR KISS IS STILL GRADE A!

DON'T GET FUNNY NOW, BILLY! JEEPERS, ANITA, AIN'T YOUR HEAD SPINNIN' CRAZY LIKE? YOU CAN'T FIGHT A STRONG FEELING LIKE THIS!

OH, BILLY, NOW YOU'VE DONE IT! WHY, OH, WHY WON'T YOU LEAVE ME ALONE? IT'S NO GOOD! I COULDN'T FIGHT AGAINST LOVING YOU, BUT I...

ANITA! HONEY! YOU DO LOVE ME! I ALWAYS KNEW YOU DID! IF IT WASN'T FOR YOUR BROTHER, JOEY!

JOEY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! I LOVE YOU BUT I'M AFRAID OF WHERE YOUR QUICK TEMPER AND VIOLENT NATURE MIGHT LEAD US! ALL THE FELLERS DISLIKE YOU!

WHO CARES? WHAT COUNTS IS THE WAY THE GALS FEEL ABOUT ME! C'MON, NOW, BABY, LET'S FACE THE FACTS—IF YOU MARRY ME, I'LL REFORM! I'LL GO TO NIGHT SCHOOL ANYTHING!

YOU ALWAYS MADE PROMISES BUT YOU NEVER KEPT ONE! AND IF WE DID GET MARRIED, WHAT ABOUT JOEY? I PROMISED TO SEE HIM THROUGH SCHOOL WHEN DAD DIED! OH, BILLY, EVERYTHING WAS TURNING OUT SWELL, AND NOW, LOOK!

THIS IS ONE PROMISE I'LL KEEP—AS FOR JOEY, I'LL SEE THAT HE FINISHES HIGH SCHOOL! WHAT D'YA SAY, SWEETIE, IS IT A GO?





WHEN YOU MARRIED HIM HE ALSO PROMISED TO CHANGE! HE'S BROKEN EVERY PROMISE HE EVER MADE TO YOU! CAN'T YOU SEE HOW HOPELESS IT IS? HE'LL NEVER REFORM!

HE NEEDS ME, JOEY! AND BESIDES, MAYBE SOME DAY HE WILL CHANGE!

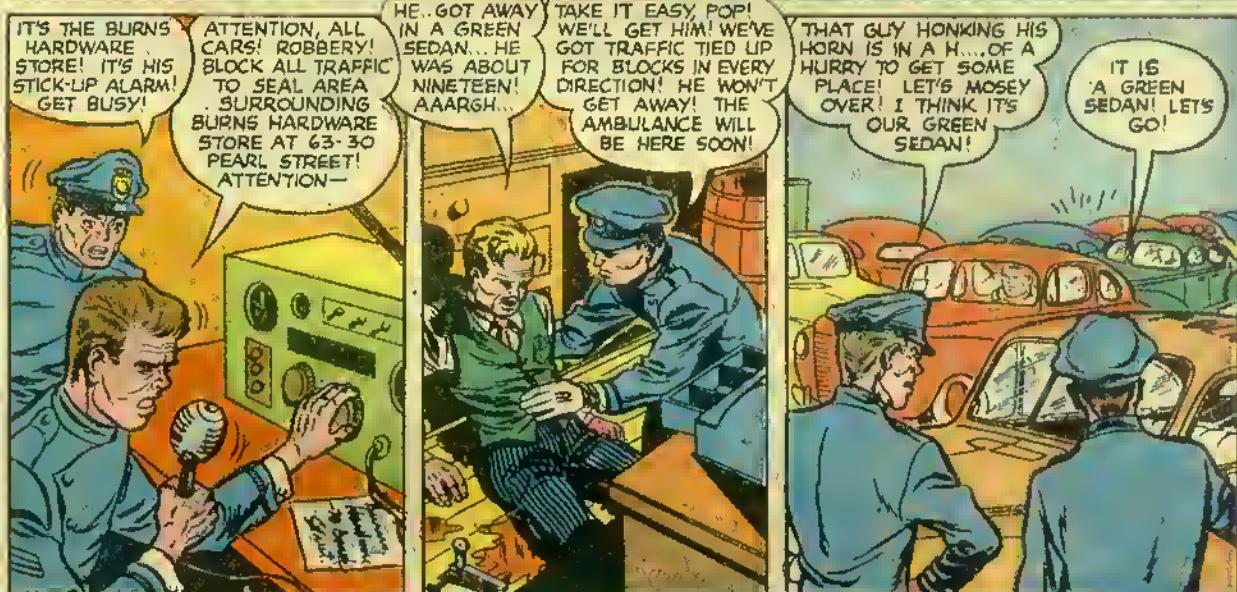
I WISH YOU WERE RIGHT! BUT I HAVE A HUNCH THAT SOME DAY HE'S GOING TO GET IN A REAL BAD JAM! THEN, MAYBE YOU'LL ADMIT HE'S NOT THE GUY FOR YOU!

CAN I HELP YOU?

YEAH! YOU CAN!

BRAVO!
LOL







HE'S FAINTED!
IF IT'S THE COPS,
WHAT WILL
I DO?

WHO'S
THERE?

IT'S ME!
ANITA!
LET ME
IN!

WHY WAS YOUR
DOOR LOCKED...
WHY, IT'S BILLY—
BILLY! OH,
WHAT'S
HAPPENED?

HE'S UNCONSCIOUS, AND HE'LL
DIE IF HE DOESN'T HAVE A
DOCTOR! IT'S TOO LATE TO
KEEP IT A SECRET FROM
THE POLICE! HE WAS IN
SOME KIND OF A HOLD-
UP AND GOT SHOT!

YOU UNDERSTAND
WHAT WILL HAPPEN
WHEN I TELL THE
POLICE!

YES, YES, I
KNOW BUT IT'S
BETTER THAN
LETTING HIM DIE!
HURRY!



YOU'LL FIND HIM IN
APARTMENT 2 B! ONLY
PROMISE THAT YOU WON'T
DRAG HIS WIFE INTO THIS!
AND SEE THAT HE GETS
TO A DOCTOR QUICK, OR
YOU'LL HAVE A CORPSE
INSTEAD OF A
PRISONER!

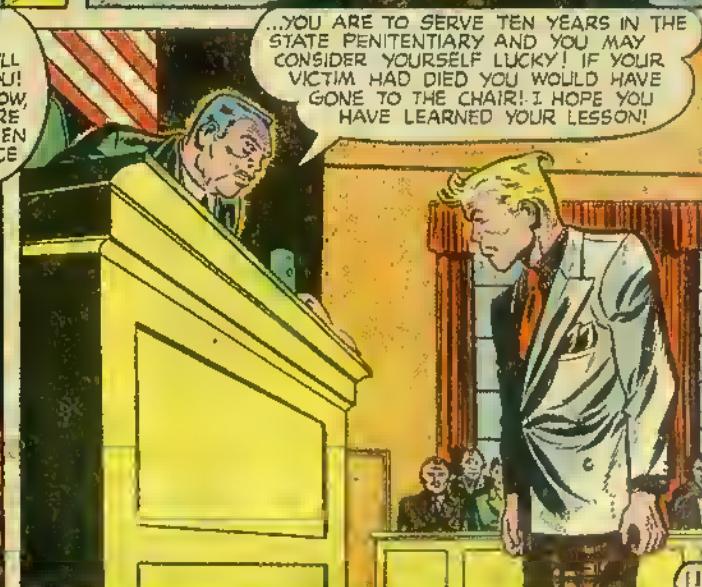
DON'T WORRY,
SON! WE KNOW THAT
HE PULLED THE JOB
ALONE! AND WE'LL
CALL A DOCTOR IN!
WE WANT HIM
ALIVE!



SO HELP ME, I'M CURED!
PROMISE YOU'LL STICK
BY ME, ANITA! PLEASE!
I COULDN'T STAND IT IF I
DIDN'T THINK YOU'D WAIT
FOR ME! I'VE BEEN A
STUPID FOOL BUT I'LL
MAKE IT UP
TO YOU!

YOU KNOW YOU
DON'T HAVE TO
ASK ME THAT—I'LL
ALWAYS LOVE YOU!
I HAVE TO GO NOW,
BUT I'LL BE HERE
TOMORROW WHEN
THEY SENTENCE
YOU!

...YOU ARE TO SERVE TEN YEARS IN THE
STATE PENITENTIARY AND YOU MAY
CONSIDER YOURSELF LUCKY! IF YOUR
VICTIM HAD DIED YOU WOULD HAVE
GONE TO THE CHAIR! I HOPE YOU
HAVE LEARNED YOUR LESSON!



GEE, ANITA! HE'S BEEN IN JAIL OVER THREE YEARS NOW! MOPING OVER HIM WON'T DO ANY GOOD! WHY DON'T YOU ADMIT YOU MADE A MISTAKE WHEN YOU MARRIED HIM, AND GET A DIVORCE! YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO SIT AROUND TEN YEARS WAITING FOR A BUM LIKE HIM!

STOP TRYING TO MEDDLE IN MY LIFE! HE ASKED ME TO WAIT FOR HIM AND I WILL! WHAT HAPPENED WAS MY FAULT FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO CHANGE HIM—I WON'T LEAVE HIM...I CAN'T!

THAT'S CRAZY, ANITA! NOTHING COULD CHANGE HIM! HE'S CHANGING YOU! ALL YOU LIVE FOR IS TO VISIT HIM! YOU'RE LETTING EVERYTHING ELSE GO TO ROT...

...YOUR JOB AND OUR HOME! YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED ME TO FINISH SCHOOL, BUT NOW, WHEN I ONLY HAVE SIX MONTHS TO GO, YOU'RE LETTING ME DOWN! I KNEW IT WAS HOPELESS TO GET YOU TO PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, SO I'VE DECIDED TO QUIT SCHOOL! SOMEBODY'S GOT TO PAY THE BILLS!



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OH, YES, WE CAN GIVE YOU A POSITION AT ONCE! CAN YOU START TOMORROW?

SURE! WHAT'S THE JOB?

IT PAYS \$2300! IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU WERE CONSIDERED TOO YOUNG FOR THE JOB, BUT YOUR EXCELLENT MARK IN THE EXAMINATIONS SWAYED THE COMMISSION IN YOUR FAVOR! AFTER A SHORT TRAINING PERIOD, YOU'LL BECOME A GUARD AT STATE PRISON!

STATE PRISON! OH, ERR.. SURE, THAT'S SWELL!

LOOK! SEE THAT GUARD COMIN' THIS WAY? HE'S MY BROTHER-IN-LAW! HONEST, I'D KNOW HIM ANY PLACE!

BOY, WHAT A BREAK!

G'WAN! PROVE IT! SAY "HELLO" TO HIM WHEN HE PASSES!



JOEY! REMEMBER ME, JOEY? GOSH! WHAT ARE YOU DOIN' HERE?

SHUDDUP! AN GET BACK TO WORK BEFORE I SLUG YOU, WISE GUY!



SOME PAL!

IF HE'S YOUR BROTHER-IN-LAW, I HOPE I NEVER HAVE ONE!

THE LOUSY PLUNK! THINKS HE'S TOO GOOD FOR ME!



PSST! BILLY! C'MERE A MINUTE! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU! ONLY DON'T LET ANYONE SEE US!

I HAD TO ACT TOUGH BACK THERE, BILLY! IF THE WARDEN THEN SPRING ME OUTTA HERE! I'M GOIN' NUTS IN THIS PLACE!



SURE, I'LL HELP YOU GET OUT! GUARDS HAVE A LOT OF INFLUENCE WHEN IT COMES TO RECOMMENDING PRISONERS FOR PAROLE! AS SOON AS YOU'VE SERVED THE MINIMUM SENTENCE—

—I'LL GET BUSY!

I CAN'T WAIT THAT LONG! GET ME OUT NOW! YOU COULD HELP ME ESCAPE!

I'M SORRY, BILLY, BUT I COULDN'T DO THAT! WHAT GOOD WOULD IT DO? YOU'D BE HOUNDED AND CHASED ALL YOUR LIFE! YOU'D COWER EVERY TIME YOU SAW A GUARD...

YEAH! I SPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT! OKAY! I'LL BE A GOOD BOY!

JUST ONE MORE THING! ANYTHING YOU SAY, JOEY! ANITA DOESN'T KNOW I'M WORKING HERE! LET'S KEEP IT A SECRET UNTIL THE TIME COMES WHEN YOUR CHANCES OF PAROLE ARE CERTAIN! NO USE IN BUILDING UP HER HOPES TOO SOON!

JOEY! YOU'RE THE DOCTOR!



WHEN I VISITED BILLY IN PRISON TODAY, HE TOLD ME YOU'D BEEN PRISON GUARD THERE FOR MONTHS! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?

YOU WEREN'T VERY INTERESTED IN WHAT I WAS DOING! BESIDES, I WANTED TO WAIT UNTIL I COULD GIVE YOU SOME GOOD NEWS! I THINK I CAN NOW!

HE'S BEEN GOING TO SCHOOL IN PRISON, AND WORKING HARD! I GOT OTHER GUARDS INTERESTED IN HIM AND HE'S BEING RECOMMENDED FOR PAROLE! OF COURSE, THE PAROLE BOARD MAY REJECT HIM BECAUSE HE HASN'T SERVED MUCH TIME!

OH, JOEY, HE'S BEEN THERE FOUR YEARS TRIED HARD TO CHANGE! WHAT'S THE PAROLE BOARD LIKE?

ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE SERVE ON THE BOARD—LAWYERS, DOCTORS, PROMINENT PEOPLE LIKE BART HILL, THE PUBLISHER OF THE DAREDEVIL PRESS!

HILL?...BART HILL—WHERE DO I KNOW THAT NAME FROM—BART HILL, WHY, I KNOW HIM! YOU DO, TOO! REMEMBER? HE WAS THE ONE WHOSE CAR WINDOW BILLY BROKE YEARS AGO!



HEY, BART, THERE'S A GIRL OUTSIDE TO SEE YOU! SHE WOULDN'T SAY WHAT IT'S ABOUT, BUT SHE ACTS AWFUL ANXIOUS!

NOW WHO COULD THAT BE? I WASN'T EXPECTING ANYONE! THANKS, PEE WEE!



WHY, OF COURSE, I REMEMBER YOU! I'VE OFTEN WONDERED ABOUT YOU AND YOUR TOUGH LITTLE HEART THROB...WHAT WAS HIS NAME—BILLY? TELL ME, DID YOU EVER HITCH ON ANY MORE STREET CARS?

HA, HA, NOT A SINGLE ONE AFTER THAT TIME, HONEST! IT'S WONDERFUL OF YOU TO REMEMBER! YOU'RE SUCH AN IMPORTANT MAN NOW, I'M AFRAID YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO BE BOthered WITH MY PERSONAL PROBLEM!



GOSH, SHE WAS WITH YOU A LONG TIME, D.D.! WHO WAS SHE? OR IS THAT NONE OF MY BUSINESS?

NOW, PEE WEE, YOU KNOW BETTER THAN THAT! IT'S JUST SUCH A LONG STORY—A MISTAKE I MADE YEARS AGO! THAT'S COME BACK TO HECKLE ME! MAYBE I CAN STRAIGHTEN IT OUT NOW! I HOPE IT'S NOT TOO LATE!



I SPOKE TO BART HILL AND HE SAID HE'D ASK TO BE ON THE BOARD THAT REVIEWS BILLY'S CASE WHEN HE APPEARS BEFORE THEM NEXT WEEK!

I DON'T SEE WHAT BART HILL HAS TO DO WITH IT, BUT IF HE CAN SAY ANYTHING IN BILLY'S FAVOR, IT SHOULD CARRY A LOT OF WEIGHT! HE'S GOT A TERRIFIC REPUTATION AS A SQUARE SHOOTER AND A GOOD JUDGE OF PEOPLE!



THE NEXT PRISONER WHO HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR PAROLE IS WILLIAM SANDS! HE HAS SERVED FOUR YEARS AND THREE MONTHS OF A TEN YEAR SENTENCE! I WILL OUTLINE THE CASE BEFORE HE APPEARS! GUARD, BRING IN CONVICT 7132557 IN FIVE MINUTES!

YES, SIR!

SANDS SHOT A MAN WHILE ROBBING A STORE! IT WAS HIS FIRST OFFENSE, BUT HIS PREVIOUS RECORD WAS QUESTIONABLE! HIS PRISON RECORD IS GOOD, BUT I FEEL IT IS TOO SOON TO RELEASE HIM! HOWEVER, WE'LL LET HIM SPEAK FOR HIMSELF! BRING

RELAX, SANDS! WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU! WHAT WE'D LIKE YOU TO DO IS TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF! WHAT KIND OF A BOYHOOD DID YOU HAVE? WHEN DID YOU FIRST GET INTO TROUBLE?

MY MOTHER AND FATHER DIED WHEN I WAS LITTLE AND I LIVED WITH AN UNCLE...



...MOSTLY I WAS ALONE BECAUSE HE WASN'T HOME OFTEN! I NEVER DID ANYTHING REALLY BAD UNTIL I WAS ABOUT 14! THAT TIME I SMASHED THE WINDOW OF A MAN'S CAR BECAUSE HE MADE ME MAD!

...HE FOUND WHERE I LIVED, AND INSTEAD OF BEING MAD HE TRIED TO HELP ME! HE SAID I NEEDED GUIDANCE OR I'D GET IN BAD TROUBLE SOME DAY! HE EVEN OFFERED TO FIND A HOME FOR ME! I WOULDN'T LISTEN!

LET ME TELL THE STORY, THEN! I'M WELL QUALIFIED, FOR YOU SEE, I WAS THE MAN WHO'S CAR WINDOW WAS BROKEN!



BILLY WAS A YOUNG, OBSTINATE KID, THEN! HE WAS TOUGH BECAUSE HE HAD TO BE! HIS DEFIANCE WAS AN ARMOR TO PROTECT HIS PRIDE! ACTUALLY HE WAS A FRUSTRATED BOY STARVING FOR A HOME AND SYMPATHY!

HE REFUSED TO LET ME HELP HIM FIND A HOME! INSTEAD OF TURNING HIM IN TO THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY, I LET HIM HAVE HIS WAY! THAT WAS THE TURNING POINT IN HIS LIFE! IF I HAD HELPED HIM THEN, EVEN AGAINST HIS WILL, HE MIGHT NOT BE HERE NOW!

I KNOW THAT IN SOME CASES, PAROLES ARE GRANTED TOO FREELY, BUT BILLY SANDS, I BELIEVE, DESERVES ANOTHER CHANCE! HE'S LEARNED HIS LESSON THE HARD WAY! HE'S GOT A WIFE WHO LOVES HIM AND A HOME TO GO TO! I'D BE WILLING TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS FUTURE BEHAVIOR!



IF BART HILL IS WILLING TO ACCEPT THE CUSTODY OF THE PAROLEE, I'LL WITHDRAW MY OBJECTIONS! HOW DO YOU GENTLEMEN FEEL?

I'M FOR IT!

AGREED!

THERE YOU ARE, BILLY! YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR A DECISION! YOU'LL BE OUT OF HERE IN A FEW DAYS! OF COURSE, YOU KNOW YOU MUST NOT LEAVE THE CITY AND YOU MUST REPORT TO ME REGULARLY! I'LL ARRANGE TO GET A JOB

FOR ME ALREADY!



NOW, NOW, BILL, WATCH THAT BULL-HEADED PRIDE OF YOURS! HOWEVER, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO LOOK ONE UP ON YOUR OWN, IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH ME! BUT KEEP ME POSTED!

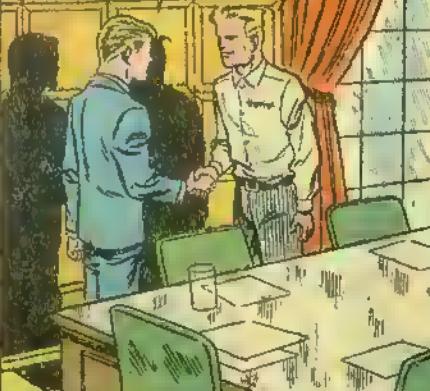
YOU BET, I WILL, MR. HILL! AND DON'T WORRY! I WON'T LET YOU DOWN! I'VE REALLY LEARNED MY LESSON!

I TOLD YOU I'D HELP YOU GET OUT AND I DID! NOW DO ME A FAVOR! PROMISE YOU'LL GIVE ANITA HER FREEDOM! SHE'S SUFFERED ENOUGH BEING MARRIED TO YOU!

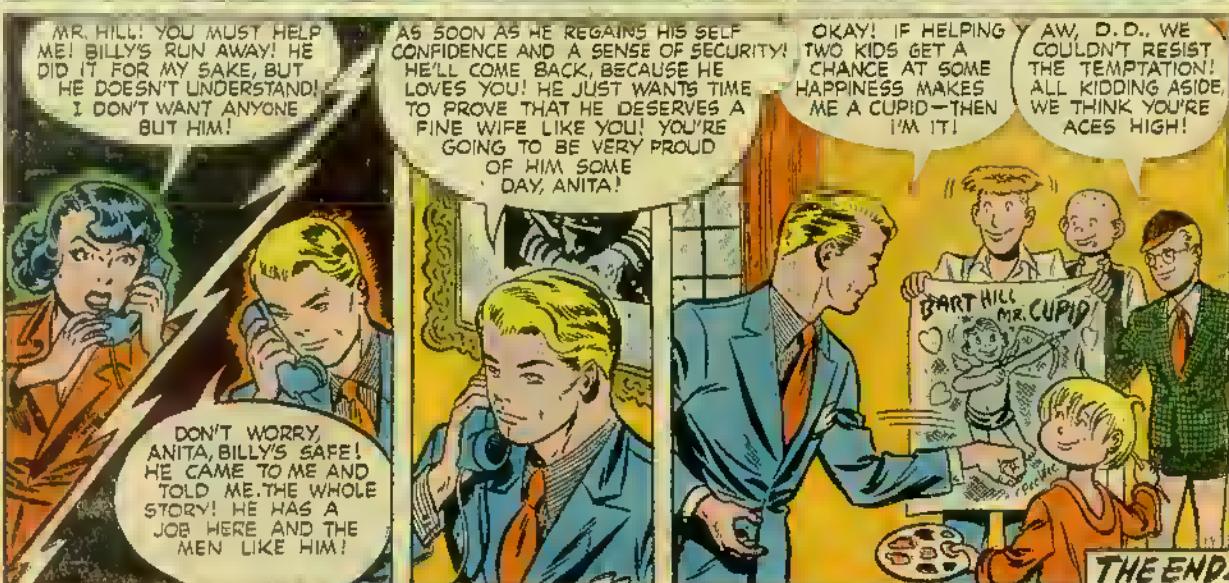
BUT JOEY, IF YOU FEEL LIKE THAT, WHY DID YOU BOTHER TO GET ME OUT? WHAT GOOD IS IT IF I CAN'T BE WITH ANITA! I LOVE HER AND SHE LOVES ME!

SHE'S LOYAL TO YOU! SHE WOULDN'T LET YOU DOWN WHEN YOU WERE IN TROUBLE! BUT NOW YOU'RE FREE AND SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO FEEL THAT WAY ANY MORE! YOU'LL ONLY MAKE HER UNHAPPY AGAIN!

GIVE ME A CHANCE! IF I MAKE HER UNHAPPY, I PROMISE I'LL CLEAR OUT, BUT FIRST LET ME TRY AND PROVE IT!







THIS IS YOUR PAGE

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

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Dear Reader:

In every issue of DAREDEVIL this page is devoted to your opinions, ideas and suggestions. Since the conception of DAREDEVIL we have been guided by two ideals—first the eradication of crime, and second, to give credit to the fearless detectives and officers of the law who daily risk their lives that you and we may live in a more lawful society.

Of all the comics I've read, DAREDEVIL is tops. It's even better than going to a movie. BOY and CRIME DOES NOT PAY are my favorites too. I'll be waiting for the next issues.

Yours sincerely, Virginie Mejchizak
10BB Fillmore Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

Hollywood, take note.

My friends and I like DAREDEVIL Comics because it gives us good ideas. DAREDEVIL tries to make our country better for children like us. No comic can compare with DAREDEVIL.

Yours truly, Mary McIntyre
1475 Webster Avenue, Bronx 56, N. Y.
Your letter too, will do its share.

One day I was bullied into a fight. I remembered a hold that DAREDEVIL used, and won the fight.

Yours truly, Richard Abbott
230 West 67th St., Los Angeles 3, Calif.

Which hold was that, Dick?

Our club which is called The Daredevil Juniors, (dedicated to DAREDEVIL and the Little Wise Guys) gave an anniversary party January 2, for our three successful years. Each member received a year's subscription to The Big Three.

Sincerely yours, George Riegar
1165 Simpson St., Bronx 59, N. Y.

We hope your club stands for what DAREDEVIL represents. Good luck to you, George.

All I can say for DAREDEVIL is that it has taught me real "sportsmanship." I used to have disrespect for other religions, but I learned from your books what some people can't seem to understand—that "all men are created equal." A million thanks.

Dante Perreca
2500 Belmont Ave., New York 58, N. Y.

Truth is what DAREDEVIL stands for and that's positive, Dante.

It seems to me that I have read or heard that Charles Biro was an excellent football player. Will you please straighten me out? Thanks.

Stanley Glowacki
Girard College, Philadelphia 21, Pa.
P.S. He is an all-American to me.

Charlie has played semi-pro football, A.A.U. Hockey, at table tennis he won a 23-21 game from former world champ Fred Perry. He gets along in most sports. B.W.

I have just finished reading DAREDEVIL COMICS (March, No. 41). It showed how the metal club helped the boys to stay out of trouble, but when the club was closed they got into so much trouble. If you would write more stories like that, it would influence people to build more teen-age clubs, so those who need it would have a better chance in life. Thank you very much.

Irene Ronso
316 Harwick St., Chester, Pa.
It's swell to know that you caught the story's point. C.B.

My two boys are only eleven and nine years old and although they keep me busy explaining some of your DAREDEVIL plots, I think it's more fun than lecturing them on "how crime does not pay."

Sincerely, Mrs. A. B. Viescos
600 E. Amador Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico

The interest you take in your children is to be commended.

Here we boys have a club called "The Comic Book Club." I am the President and wondered what comic book thriller was favored most. We took a vote, and of the 27 members, 20 voted for DAREDEVIL.

Sincerely yours, John Holmes
104 S. Fraley St., Kane, Pa.

Thanks for the honor, John.

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WHAT IS DAREDEVIL MADE OF?



BROTHERHOOD, COURAGE AND
TRUTH-AND THE FIRE OF YOUTH!

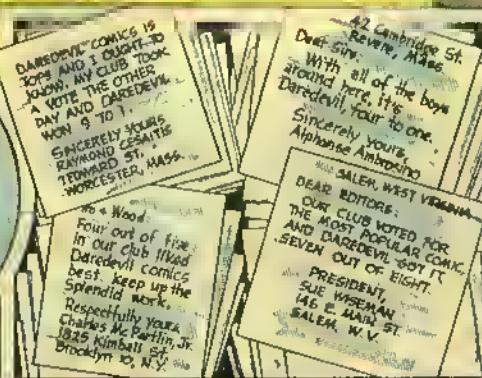
WHAT'S A CRIMINAL MADE OF?

LIES, HATE AND VULGARITY,
DECEIT AND BRUTALITY!



THE TWO
WILL NEVER
COMPROMISE

WHEN YOU
WANT THE BEST
IN ENTERTAINMENT AND
THAT GOES FOR ANYTHING
AND EVERYTHING ON
THE NEWSSTANDS, IT'S
DAREDEVIL,
BOY AND CRIME
DOES NOT PAY
HANDS DOWN!
THERE IS NO
COMPROMISE!



INSIDE DOPE



DID JA KNOW...
STATE BUILDING BENDS A
LITTLE ON A HOT DAY
THAT'S BECAUSE THE
SUNNY SIDE EXPANDS MORE
THAN THE SHADY SIDE!

IT'S A FACT...

IN SAN FRANCISCO
AFTER THE EARTH-
QUAKE THERE PAPER
WAS SO SCARCE THAT
PEOPLE WROTE LETTERS
ON COLLARS AND CUFFS!



IT'S TH' TRUTH... SPAIN WAS
THE FIRST NATION TO USE
SUBMARINES TO CARRY
MAIL

Send for
FREE Cap and
Cap Pistol Circular!



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LET'S SEE WHAT A
KIDNAPPER LOOKS
LIKE!

SCARECROW!
I WARNED YOU
ABOUT THAT
THIRD RAIL!

HURRY,
I HEAR A
TRAIN COMING!

story by
CHARLES BIRO

IT IS SURPRISING HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE OF THE IMPRESSION THAT ALL CRIMES HAVE A MOTIVE. IT'S CUSTOMARY FOR DETECTIVES TO FIRST ESTABLISH THE CRIME, FIND THE SUSPECT, THEN ESTABLISH THE MOTIVE. IT IS EQUALLY SURPRISING HOW MANY CRIMES ARE COMMITTED BY THE INSANE, WHOSE MOTIVES ARE EITHER BLURRED OR NON-EXISTANT. CRIMES OF THIS SORT PRESENT A GREATER CHALLENGE TO SCIENTIFIC LAW OFFICERS. INSANITY IS AN ORGANIC DISORDER AND AS IN ANY SICKNESS, THERE ARE DEGREES OF INTENSITY. THE HOSPITAL PATIENT MAY FULLY RECOVER FROM A SEVERE ATTACK. WHEN HE DOES, HE IS RELEASED BY HIS DOCTOR. THIS STORY DEALS WITH A PERSON WHO SUFFERED A TEMPORARY ATTACK.

Charles Biro

Art.

JAN BURR

HOW ARE YOU FEELING TODAY, MY DEAR? ANY MORE OF THOSE DIZZY SPELLS?

OH, I'M MUCH BETTER, HARRY! I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING DR. MARTIN'S ADVICE AND RESTING MOST OF THE TIME! PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!

A FINE CHANCE YOU GET TO REST WITH HOUSEWORK AND COOKING FOR ME AND THE KIDS! BUT NEVER MIND, THEY'LL BE RETIRING ME SOON! THEN THINGS WILL BE HOW DIFFERENT!

LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WITH GRIMES, DEAR? TIME FLIES SO!

SEVENTEEN YEARS! JUST THREE MORE TO GO AND WE'LL RETIRE, EVEN IF IT IS A MODEST PENSION!

YOU'RE SO IDEALISTIC AND HUMAN! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU COULD HAVE WORKED THAT LONG FOR THAT HORRIBLE MR. GRIMES— YOU'RE SUCH OPPOSITES!

THE JOB MEANT SECURITY! IT'S PAID FOR OUR HOME! IT ENABLED DON TO HAVE THE BEST CARE WHEN HE HAD INFANTILE PARALYSIS, AND NOW IT'S PAYING HIS WAY THROUGH COLLEGE!



GOOD MORNING EVERYONE! I HEARD THAT, DAD. BUT IT'S MY TURN TO BE BREAD WINNER! IT'S ONLY SIX MONTHS TILL I GET A JOB AND YOU CAN QUIT! MAYBE THEN YOU'LL WRITE THAT BOOK YOU'VE BEEN DREAMING ABOUT!

YOU'RE A GOOD SON, DON! WHAT KIND OF JOB ARE YOU PLANNING TO GET? NEWSPAPER WORK?

YOU BET! I WANT TO BE A REPORTER! BUT NOT FOR THAT SKUNK, GRIMES! NO, SIR, I WANT TO WORK FOR BART HILL'S DAREDEVIL PRESS!

DID YOU CONSIDER THAT HE MAY NOT HIRE YOU WHEN HE FINDS OUT YOUR FATHER IS GRIMES' SECRETARY! HE MAY FEEL YOU THINK AS GRIMES DOES!

NOT BART HILL! I THINK HE'D UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL ABOUT THINGS. WHY, I'LL JUST TELL HIM! I'M SURE HE'LL GIVE ME A CHANCE!

I HOPE HE WILL FOR YOUR SAKE, DON! I'D RATHER SEE YOU WORKING ON AN HONEST PAPER LIKE HIS THAN GRIMES' YELLOW SCANDAL SHEET!

I KNOW HE WILL! IF YOU'RE ALL SET TO GO, DAD, LET'S SHOVE OFF! IT'S GETTING LATE—BYE, MOM!

LATER AT THE HOUR GLASS...

I'M FED UP WITH INCOMPETENCE AND STUPIDITY! THIS IS THE SHOWDOWN! WHERE'S HENDRICKS? SEND HIM IN!

X. YESSIR,
RIGHT AWAY,
MR. GRIMES!

HARRINGTON! WHAT KEPT YOU SO LONG? TELL ME, HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN MY SECRETARY?

SEVENTEEN YEARS, MR. GRIMES!

I SAY SEVENTEEN YEARS TOO LONG! YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR LETTING BART HILL SNEAK IN THAT FULL PAGE AD FOR HIS PAPER ON MY FRONT PAGE!

B..BUT MR. GRIMES, I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT...

AS MY SECRETARY, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO KNOW EVERYTHING! YOU LET KILROY PULL A FAST ONE ON ME! BRING IN ELLIOT! HE'S NEXT!

YES, MR. GRIMES!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TALKED ME INTO PROMOTING THE FIGHT BETWEEN BART HILL AND THE CHAMP! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID IT WAS A SURE BET—AND WHAT HAPPENED? HILL WON AND MADE A FOOL OF ME!

BUT YOU ASKED FOR SUGGESTIONS! I ONLY...

DON'T TRY AND GIVE ME EXCUSES! YOU'RE FIRED!
BOTH OF YOU!

MR. GRIMES, BE FAIR! YOU'LL HAVE TO ADMIT IT WAS AS MUCH YOUR IDEA AS OURS!

SO YOU CALL YOURSELVES A
NEWSPAPER STAFF! YOU'RE
ALL A BUNCH OF NINCOM-
POOPS! DO YOU HEAR?
ALL OF YOU TOGETHER
COULDN'T PUT OUT A
GOOD HIGH SCHOOL
PAPER! I'LL FIRE
THE WHOLE LOT
OF YOU!

THE OLD MAN'S
REALLY BLOWING
HIS TOP! HE CAN'T
FIRE AN ENTIRE
STAFF!

YOU'RE NOT REALLY
WORRIED, HARRINGTON?
GRIMES COULDN'T
FIRE YOU! HE WAS
JUST LETTING OFF
STEAM! HE'S REALLY
SORE AT BART
HILL'S SUCCESS!
GRIMES MEANS
WHAT HE SAYS.
ELLIOT—AND HE
NEVER CHANGES
HIS MIND!
YOU KNOW
THAT!

BUT THIS IS
DIFFERENT!
YOU'RE HIS
RIGHT HAND
MAN! HE
CAN'T
MANAGE
WITHOUT
YOU!

HE'S SO PIG-
HEADED, HE
WOULDN'T
TAKE ME
BACK EVEN
IF IT MEANT
WRECKING
THE PAPER!
I'M WASHED

YOUR CAR'S RIGHT
OUT FRONT, MR.
GRIMES!

GOOD!.. WAIT A MINUTE—
WHAT'S ALL THAT CROWD?
WHAT'S GOING ON
OVER THERE?

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS MAN,
MR. GRIMES? HE JUMPED FROM
ONE OF THE UPPER STORIES
OF YOUR BUILDING!

WHY,
WHY,
IT'S...

I REALLY DON'T
KNOW! I HAVE
HUNDREDS OF
EMPLOYEES! CAN'T
POSSIBLY KNOW EACH
ONE—CHECK WITH
MY PERSONNEL
DIRECTOR!

NOW WHERE CAN YOUR
FATHER BE? IT'S NOT
LIKE HIM TO
BE LATE!

I HEAR
HIM NOW,
COMING UP
THE PATH,
MOM!

OH, I
THOUGHT
YOU WERE
MY HUSBAND!
WHAT IS IT
YOU WISH,
SIR?

I CAME
ABOUT YOUR
HUSBAND,
MRS.
HENDRICKS!
I'M FROM
HIS OFFICE!

OH, I SEE, HE HAS TO WORK LATE AGAIN TONIGHT! WHY DON'T YOU COME IN AND HAVE SUPPER WITH US THEN? IT'S ALL READY!

BUT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND— YOUR HUSBAND ISN'T WORKING— HE'S DEAD!

WHAT! OH, NO! WHAT HAPPENED? HOW COULD IT HAPPEN?

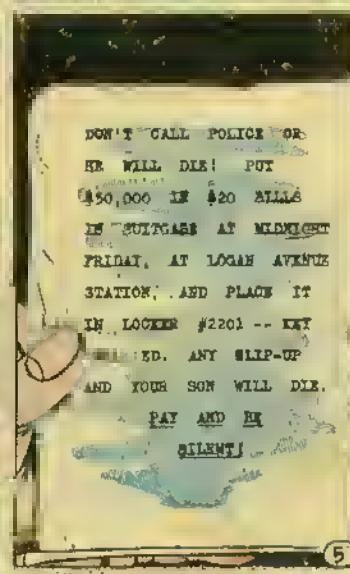
IT'S VERY SHOCKING, MAMM. HE COMMITTED SUICIDE! YESSIR, JUMPED OUT OF THE SEVENTEENTH STORY WINDOW—JUST BECAUSE HE GOT FIRED! CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW A MAN COULD DO SUCH A FOOLISH THING!



OBITUARY NOTICES

Ester Harrington,
beloved mother of
Donald and Elizabeth,
suddenly on Friday,
May 11th, funeral
services private.

Henry Harrington,
beloved father of
Donald and Elizabeth,
suddenly on Friday,
May 11th, funeral
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TO CALL IT MERELY NEWS IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT! WHY, THIS IS THE BEST CHANCE WE'VE HAD YET! IF WE SCOOP

GRIMES ON THIS, WE'LL GET EVERY ONE OF HIS READERS! LET'S DOUBLE OUR RUM FOR TOMORROW!

THAT'S OUT! WE CAN'T DO THAT! IT WOULD SIGN THE KID'S DEATH WARRANT!

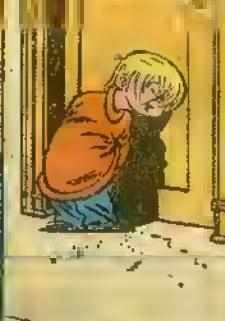
I'VE GOT IT! I'VE GOT IT! WHAT A SET-UP! IT'S MADE TO ORDER FOR YOU! WITH YOUR DETECTIVE EXPERIENCE, YOU COULD CRACK THIS CASE LIKE A PIGGY BANK!

GRIMES WOULD NEVER ACCEPT MY OFFER TO HELP!

HE'LL GET A COUPLE OF HIS LAME BRAIN PINKNEY BOYS! I KNOW THOSE KEYSTONE DICKS—THEY'LL GET THINGS SO SNAFUED THE KID'S AS GOOD AS DEAD NOW!

I'M BEGINNING TO WISH DAREDEVIL HADN'T STARTED THIS NEWSPAPER! WE HAD MUCH MORE FUN WHEN HE WAS IN DISGUISE!

YOU SAID IT! WE HAD REAL ADVENTURES THEN! NOW IT'S THE SAME OLD THING DAY AFTER DAY!



IT'S NOT AS EXCITING, BUT BART'S DOING A GREAT PUBLIC SERVICE! THE PEOPLE NEED A GOOD, HONEST NEWSPAPER THAT TELLS THE TRUTH! BART'S FIGHTING CROOKEDNESS AND CORRUPTION JUST THE SAME AS EVER!

WAIT TILL YOU HEAR THIS! I WAS WALKIN' BY D.D.'S OFFICE AND COULDN'T HELP HEARIN' GRIMES' SON WAS KIDNAPPED — AND KILROY IS TRYIN' TO GET D.D. TO FIND HIM!

HOT DIGGETY! MAYBE NOW WE'LL GET SOME ACTION!

MAYBE D.D. WOULDN'T WANT TO HELP GRIMES!

YOU'RE RIGHT KILROY—THE BOYS NOT TO BLAME FOR THE SINS OF HIS FATHER!

HEY, FELLERS, LEND AN EAR, QUICK!



PEE WEE TOLD US ABOUT THE KIDNAPPING!

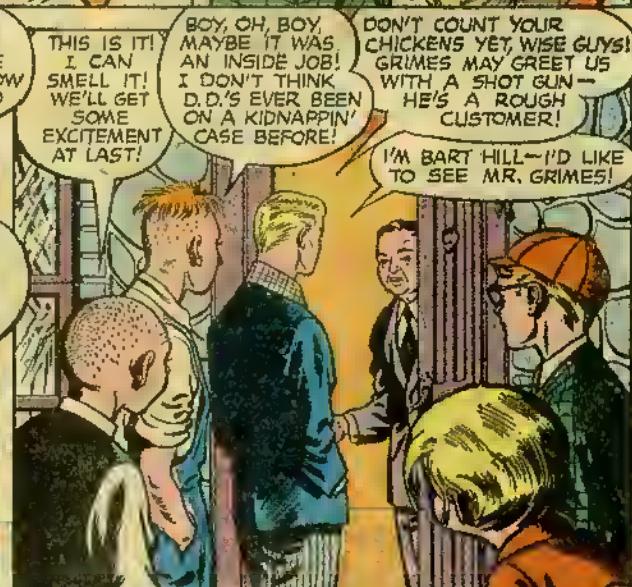
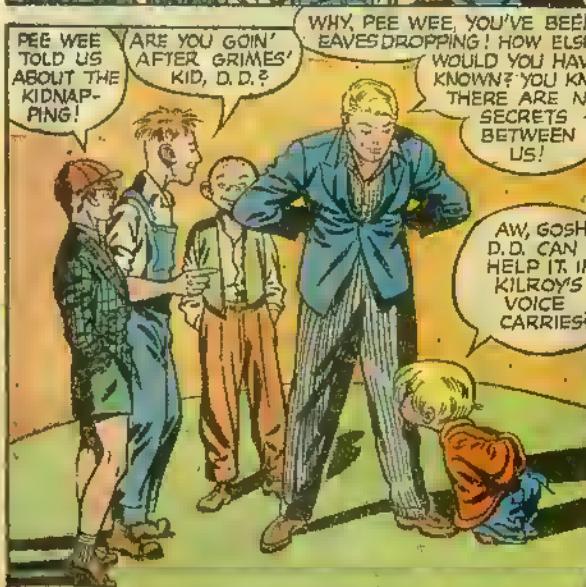
ARE YOU GOIN' AFTER GRIMES' KID, D.D.?

WHY, PEE WEE, YOU'VE BEEN EAVESDROPPING! HOW ELSE WOULD YOU HAVE KNOWN? YOU KNOW THERE ARE NO SECRETS BETWEEN US!

THIS IS IT! I CAN SMELL IT! WE'LL GET SOME EXCITEMENT AT LAST!

DON'T COUNT YOUR CHICKENS YET, WISE GUYS! GRIMES MAY GREET US WITH A SHOT GUN — HE'S A ROUGH CUSTOMER!

I'M BART HILL—I'D LIKE TO SEE MR. GRIMES!



OKAY, GET 'EM UP! GO AHEAD, PHILIPS, FRISK HIM! I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON THESE KIDS!

GO AHEAD, FRISK ME, BUT THEN, DO I SEE GRIMES?

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE HIM ABOUT?

I'D LIKE TO HELP YOU FELLERS CRACK THIS CASE!

THAT KID CALLED YOU DAREDEVIL—YOU'RE BART HILL! SAY THAT'S DIFFERENT! WHY DIDN'T YA SAY SO? GRIMES IS LUCKY TO GET YOU ON THE CASE! C'MON, LEMME TAKE YA RIGHT IN!

HEY, MR. GRIMES! LOOK WHO'S HERE TO HELP US—BART HILL! IF ANYONE CAN GET THEM KIDNAPPERS, IT'S HIM!

BART HILL!

HEY, DAREDEVIL, DO YOU WANT US TO WORK ON THESE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL DICKS?

I'M NOT HERE ON NEWSPAPER BUSINESS, MR. GRIMES—I CAME TO SEE IF I COULD HELP YOU FIND YOUR SON!

MY SON! HOW DID YOU KNOW? WHAT KIND OF TRICK IS THIS? DID YOU ENGINEER THIS WHOLE THING FOR ME?

BE REASONABLE GRIMES! I COULD HAVE USED THE TIPS I GOT FOR A SCOOP BUT I DIDN'T FOR YOUR SON'S SAKE!

I WANT TO HELP YOU!

PLEASE, DEAR, WHY DON'T YOU ACCEPT MR. HILL'S HELP? IT MAY MEAN JUNIOR'S LIFE!

GET OUT! OR I'LL THROW YOU OUT! I WOULDN'T TAKE YOUR HELP IF YOU WERE THE LAST MAN IN THE WORLD!

IF THAT'S HOW STRONGLY YOU FEEL, I GUESS IT'S USELESS TO TRY TO CONVINCE YOU OTHERWISE!



I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR MY HUSBAND! I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR! THERE WAS A RANSOME NOTE AND A LOCKER KEY! I'LL TELL YOU ANYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW!

HE DESERVES TO LOSE HIS SON! WHAT A FATHER!

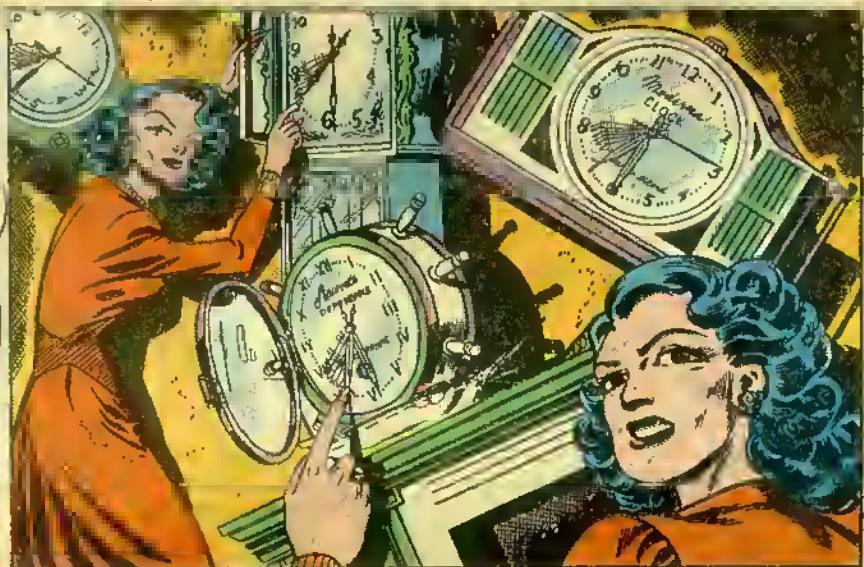
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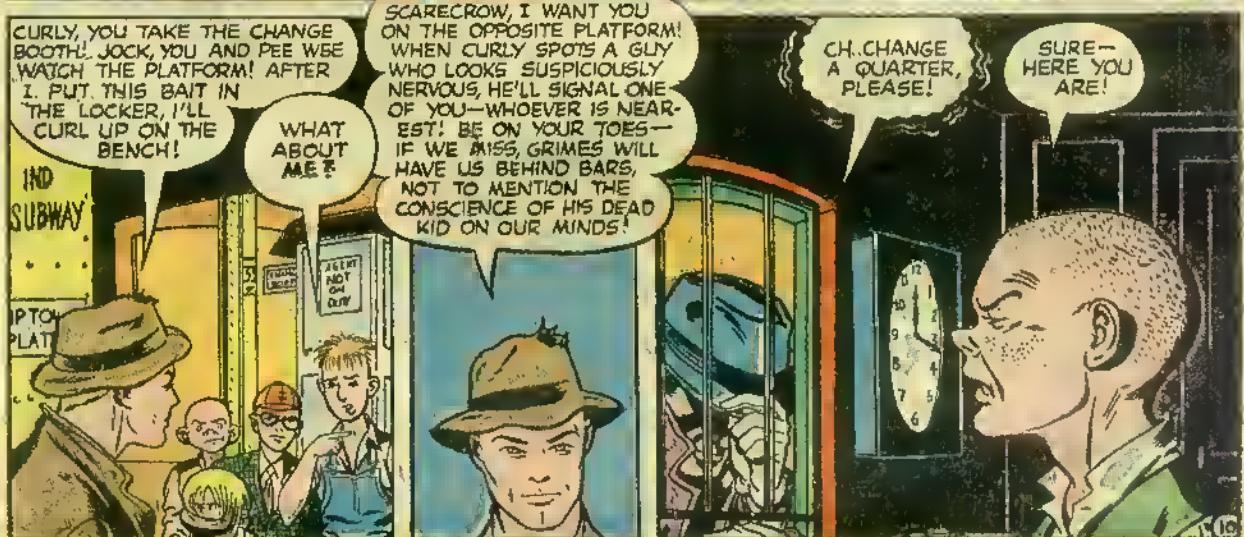
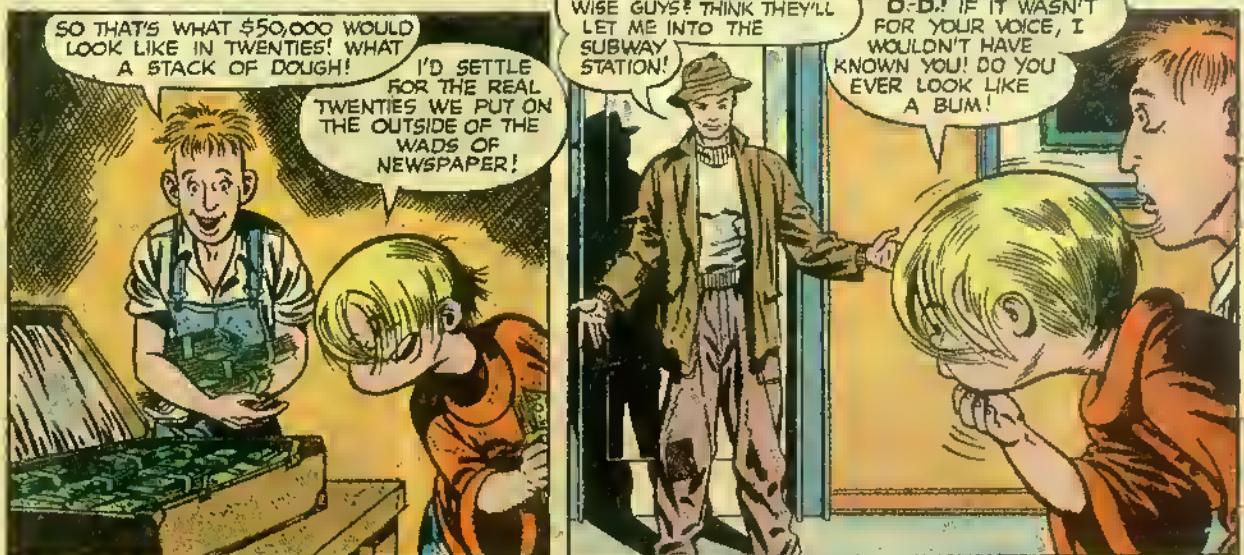
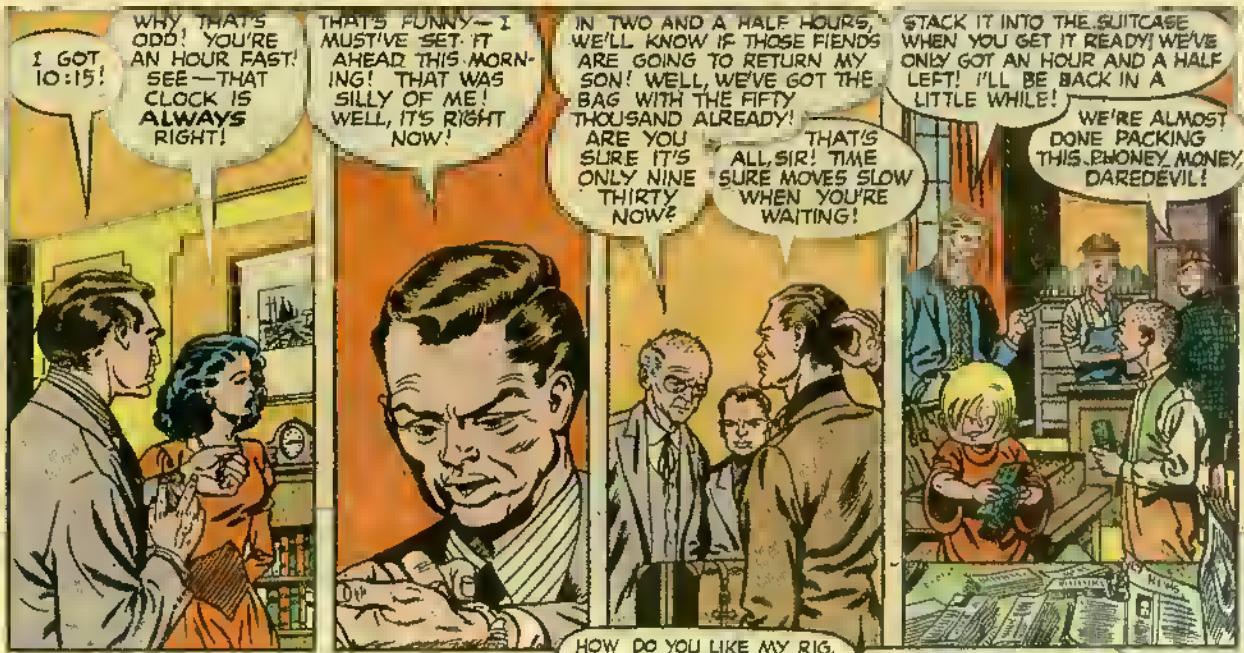
HERE THEY ARE! OH, MR. HILL, DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN BRING HIM BACK TO ME?

HAVE FAITH AND PRAY! TIME IS VERY SHORT—TOMORROW'S FRIDAY! IS THERE A KEYSMAKER NEAR HERE? I'D LIKE A DUPLICATE OF THIS!

YES, THERE IS ONE! MAY I GO WITH YOU? MY HUSBAND IS SO UP-SETTING—DO YOU MIND?









HE'S SAFE AT MY HOME! I'LL...I'LL TAKE YOU TO HIM, MR. HILL! I WOULDN'T HAVE HURT HIM! IT WAS GRIMES I WANTED TO HURT! HE KILLED MY FATHER AND MOTHER!

THERE HE IS, MR. HILL! I..I'M SORRY WE HAD TO MEET LIKE THIS! I'D HOPED TO WORK FOR YOU SOME DAY! INSTEAD, I'LL BE IN JAIL FOR LIFE!

AFTER YOUR STORY, I THINK I UNDERSTAND YOUR CASE A LITTLE BETTER, DON! I'M LEAVING YOU HERE ON YOUR HONOR WHILE I GO TO GRIMES! THEN WE'LL SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE!

I WANT NICE MANS!



MY SON! GIVE HIM TO ME! WHERE DID YOU...

YOU DID IT! OH, HOW CAN WE EVER THANK YOU, MR. HILL?

MOMMY!

...SO, IF YOU TRY TO RAILROAD THE BOY, I'LL GIVE OUT WITH THE WHOLE STORY OF HIS FATHER'S DEATH AND THE WAY YOUR CLUMSY ASSISTANT BROKE THE NEWS TO HIS MOTHER! I WON'T PULL ANY UNDE

ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! YOU WIN! I'LL BE LENIENT!

HE WAS TEMPORARILY UNBALANCED AND DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS DOING! MR. GRIMES WILL DROP THE CHARGES IF HE'S PLACED IN MY CUSTODY!

THAT'S QUITE RIGHT, JUDGE!



WELL! I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE YOU'D TAKE THIS ATTITUDE, MR. GRIMES! IT'S A BIG-HEARTED THING TO DO! DONALD, I PLACE YOU IN THE CUSTODY OF MR. HILL!

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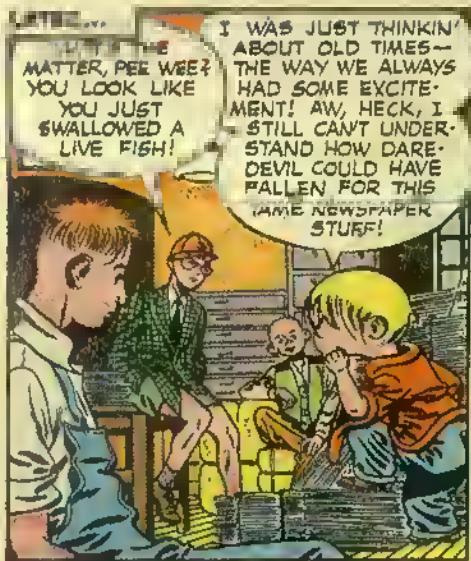


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WITH THAT COSTUME?

OH...I WAS JUST REMINISCING!





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WHAT GOES ON??

CAN IT BE? IS DAREDEVIL
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IF SO—WHAT ABOUT HIS IDENTITY, NOW
THAT EVERYONE KNOWS WHO HE REALLY IS—
AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE DAREDEVIL
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TEN LITTLE FINGERS

A CRIMEBUSTER STORY

By DICK FRENCH

CRIMEBUSTER glanced up at the glistening ice-covered hulk of the battered freighter as he and Crandell hurried across the wind-swept dock. "The old Laurentia certainly took a beating in that storm last night," he shouted.

"Sure did," answered Crandell. "I heard on the radio that she hit the worst weather we've had all winter. Must be a bad luck ship. Weather like that, and a murder on top of it."

"What makes you so sure it's murder?" Crimebuster ducked thankfully into the protected gangway leading to the ship. "Maybe our golden voiced songstress, Marie Caruso, didn't kill Armwell after all."

"According to Captain Kostelak, there's no doubt of it," answered Crandell. "He claims there was a witness, and—there, I suppose that's the Captain up ahead."

As the two stepped onto the bare deck of the freighter, they were met by an effusive, jovial little man, who rushed them into his warm quarters, meanwhile rattling off an introduction of himself, and apologizing for the weather as if it were his own fault. After a moment of scurrying about attempting to make his guests comfortable, he suddenly made an effort to appear very businesslike.

"Well, gentlemen, I shall tell you the story of our little tragedy as briefly as possible and then I'll thank you to take that murderer off of my ship as quickly as possible." The Captain frowned ominously. "She's dangerous. I have her locked in her cabin under guard. But to get on with the story. Briefly, this is what happened.

"We have only six passengers—mostly cargo, you know. The only passengers we get are those looking for cheap passage and those who can't wait for one of the passenger liners. Three of our present passengers are of the latter type. Miss Caruso, the murderer," he frowned again at mention of the name, "Mr. Armwell, poor fellow—he was an actor, you know, before the girl killed him, and the famous violinist, Mark Kandell. The other two, a Miss Farrell — old maid sort — and her brother John are the cheap passage type."

"Who is the witness to the murder you mentioned over the phone?" Crandell looked up from his notes as he spoke.

"Miss Farrell," answered the Captain. "I'll tell you exactly how it happened. It was about eight o'clock last night. We should have been in port by then, but we were offshore fighting one of the roughest little storms I've seen in years. Miss Farrell sent a steward to tell me there was a fight among the passengers. I came on down and she led me to the companionway in the passengers' quarters, and there I found George Armwell, choked to death, and this Caruso woman in a dead faint."

"Were Miss Caruso and Armwell together when they came aboard?"

"No, not so I could notice," the Captain said thoughtfully. "All came aboard alone. But both Armwell and Kandell seemed mighty taken with her before we'd been under way long. Appeared as if she preferred Armwell, but this just goes to show how wrong one can be."

"Now, about Miss Farrell," said Crandell. "What did she see?"

"Seems she was going down into the passenger quarters, and just as she got to the bottom of the steps, she saw the girl and Armwell struggling in the hallway. The girl had her hands on his throat. Miss Farrell gave a yell and then ran back to the lounge where she'd left her brother and sent one of the stewards after me. Then she and her brother and the other steward ran back to help Armwell but when they got there he was dead and the girl had fainted. Couldn't have taken 'em more than a minute or so to get there, either."

"Where was this Mr. Kandell at the time?" Crimebuster frowned as he spoke.

"Why he was practicin' on his violin in his cabin, and didn't hear anything at all. We had to knock on his door and rouse him out to tell him about it."

"One more question," said Crandell. "What story, if any, did Miss Caruso have to tell?"

The Captain grinned derisively. "Well, she told us some fairy tale about the ship rockin' so bad that she and Armwell couldn't stand up, and she was holding on to him to keep from falling. Says all of a sudden she got a funny feeling and everything went black and when she woke up he was dead. Not a word of truth in it."

"Thank you, Captain," said Crandell as they all stood up. "And now, if you don't mind, we'd like to take a look at the body."

George Armwell was, or rather had been, truly handsome. It seemed strange to see so familiar a face stilled in death in the cramped confines of the old freighter's cabin. His heavy body and massive head seemed shrivelen and lonely now that the vitality had been drained from them.

"You gentlemen are welcome to do all the looking you like," said Captain Kostelak. "As for me, I'll wait outside." He closed the door carefully.

"Choked all right," said Crandell, as he and Crimebuster bent over the body. "Look — the bruises are still visible."

Crimebuster stared thoughtfully at the faint blue marks for a moment, and then carefully fitted his fingers around the throat to match them.

"For heaven's sake, don't do that," cried Crandell. "You give me the creeps! What's the idea?"

"Look, Crandell — look at the position of my thumbs," said Crimebuster. "The little lady must have had quite a bit of experience — this was a very professional job. The thumbs are in exactly the right spot to cut off the blood supply to the brain, the quickest way to kill by choking."

"Okay, so she knew how to do it! Let's round up the passengers and see what we can learn."

As they stepped from the cabin, and Crandell began to ask the Captain to call the others, Crimebuster interrupted.

"Crandell, I've got a hunch. Maybe we won't need them all. How about just getting Miss Caruso and that violinist? I can tell you in a moment when I see them if we'll need the others."

"Okay," said Crandell. "It can't do any harm. Call them, will you, Captain?"

Mark Kandell arrived first. He was a slim, witty little man who kept running his fingers rapidly back and forth on his coat lapels as if practicing scales on a violin. At the Captain's tap on his door, just across the hall, he stepped out, bowed silently, and stared at Crimebuster calmly.

"How do you do, Mr. Kandell?" Crimebuster grasped the violinist's hand and shook it heartily. "I've heard a great deal about you."

Kandell inclined his head politely, but said nothing.

At that moment the Captain, who had been fitting the key to a locked door on the other side of the passage, announced in a dramatic voice, "Gentlemen, here is our little murderer!"

Crandell and Crimebuster could hardly suppress gasps of surprise. They had seen pictures of Marie Caruso but no picture had shown them the fragile loveliness of the little singer. She was hardly five feet tall, and seemed so thin as to be almost transparent. Her appearance was distinctly regal, as, ignoring the Captain, she stepped forward to face the two strangers.

Before she could speak, Crimebuster leaped forward and extended his hand, meanwhile introducing himself and Crandell cordially. The girl frowned in surprise, but allowed him to take her hand, while Crandell frowned at this undue familiarity with a suspect.

"I suppose you gentlemen wish to question me," began Miss Caruso, but Crimebuster interrupted.

"I don't think it will really be necessary, Miss Caruso. And Crandell," he turned and grinned over his shoulder, "I am sure now that I won't need the others."

Crandell opened his mouth to speak, then shrugged and subsided as Crimebuster turned back to the girl and spoke rapidly to her.

"Miss Caruso, I have two things to ask you to do. One of them is easy, the other may be—well, unpleasant. But I believe I can clear you of any suspicion of murder. What do you say?"

The girl smiled. "What can I say? Of course I'll do it!"

Crimebuster grinned. "Good! Now, first of all, where were you standing when you fainted? Use me as Armwell, and show me exactly the spot."

"This must be the easy one," she answered. "I

was right here." She took up a position facing her own door, her back to Kandell's door. Crimebuster stood facing her. "We were just like this, stumbling back and forth, when it happened. And it's very strange—I have never in all my life fainted before."

"Thank you," said Crimebuster. "And now, the hard question. Will you step into the room where Armwell's body is, and put your hands on his throat?"

The girl smiled grimly. "If it proves I didn't kill him, I'll do anything."

Followed by the curiously staring group, she marched determinedly into Armwell's cabin, and approached the body.

"Try to put your fingers on the marks you see on the throat," Crimebuster said quietly. A moment later, he said, "Look, Crandell."

Crandell bent over the girl's shoulder, to see the trembling little fingers straining to touch each faint mark—and failing by inches.

"I see what you mean," he muttered to Crimebuster. "Maybe she didn't do it. But who—?"

"I'm coming to that," answered Crimebuster. Then, turning to the mystified Captain he said, "Captain, if you would like to tell your children that you once captured a murderer, be kind enough to snap a pair of irons on Mark Kandell!"

Kandell went white. "Why, you young fool! You must be mad—why should I kill Armwell?"

"Because you hated him for his attentions to Miss Caruso," answered Crimebuster. "Because she didn't like you at all, which I'm sure she'll verify. Because no man could practice a violin on a ship which was rolling so badly that others couldn't stand up. Forgot about that, didn't you? The Captain will testify as to how bad the storm was at the time of the killing. Because you took advantage of what appeared to be a struggle when you peaked out your door and saw the expression on Miss Farrell's face when she saw what she thought she had seen and choked Armwell to death—and your fingers will fit perfectly to the marks on his throat. And most of all, because you knew just where to poke Miss Caruso in the back of the neck to cause immediate unconsciousness!"

Crimebuster reached out swiftly towards Kandell's throat. "Just about this spot, isn't it?"

Instinctively, the violinist's hand flew to a spot below the ear in a protective gesture.

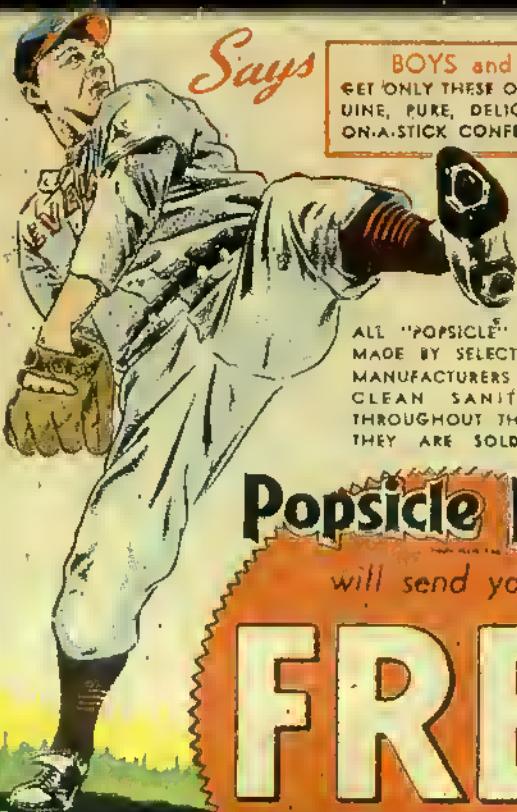
"See? I knew you'd understand," said Crimebuster. "There's your killer, Crandell."

As he spoke, Kandell's mouth twisted in a snarl. "All right, I killed the conceited ham! I'm glad I did. And you're right—I know jiu-jitsu. Enough to kill you like snapping a twig!" With the last words, Kandell leaped like a coiled spring, straight at Crimebuster. There was a flash of twisting bodies, a groan of pain, and Kandell flew through the air to smash full length against the bulkhead before the others in the room could move.

"One other thing you forgot," grinned Crimebuster. "You're not the only one who knows a little about jiu-jitsu!"

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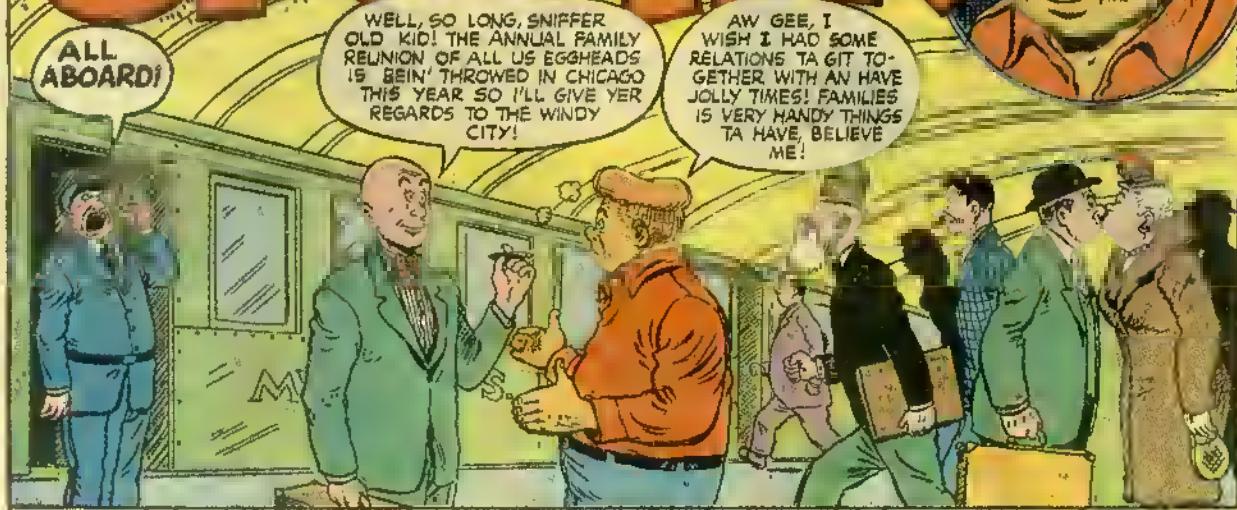
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THEY'S PLENTY GUYS
GOT NO FAMILY OR RE-
LATIONS OF ANY KIND,
OR EVEN ANY FRIENDS
I NEVER KNEWED I
HAD ANY TILL I SEEN
A PICTURE OF A GUY ON
THE POST OFFICE BUL-
LETIN BOARD...

...HE HADDA HEAD
SHAPED JEST LIKE
MINE SO I HUNTED 'IM
UP! HE TURNED OUT
TA BE A COUSIN OF MY
LATE UNCLE THUGG! AN'
HE INTERDOOSED ME
TO A WHOLE WAD
OF RELATIONS!

SO MAYBE
YOU'LL DISCOVE
SOME LONG LO
RELATIVES SOM
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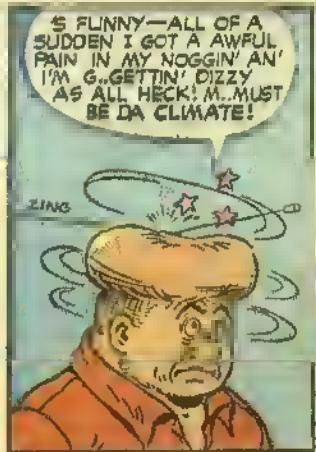


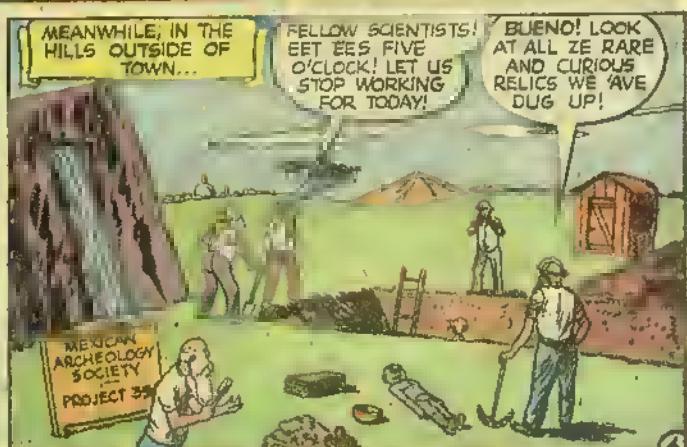
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A NEWS, POP!



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SI, SENOR! UNTIL NOW SCIENCE HAS KNOWN OF PREMITIVE SIX-TOED MAN, THE APE MAN, AND THE FEESH-MAN! AND - NOW WE HAVE THE FLAT-HEADED MAN!

SII! SO WE JUGH! HAVE! THAT STONE HEAD! SHE'S A PROVE BET! CARAMBA! WHAT A FACE!

HORREEBLE! HE WAS EVIDENTLY RELATED TO THE CROMAGNON MAN! EES'A GOOD THEENG HEESA EXTINCT!

WE MUSTA HIRE A TRUE! I HOPE NIGHT WATCHMAN NOBODY TO GUARD THEESA COME ALONG FOSSILS AND RELICS! AND STEAL'A THEM! THEY ARE WORTH MILLIONS!



AT THAT MOMENT, WILLIE COMES THUNDERING UP!

HA! WHO KNOWS WHAT RARE FOSSILS WE WEEG DEEG UP TOMORROW!



COME, SENORS! AFTER HARD DAY OF DEEGING UP FOSSILS WE GO AVE BEEG DINNER AN' DRINK DA GOODA RED WINE!

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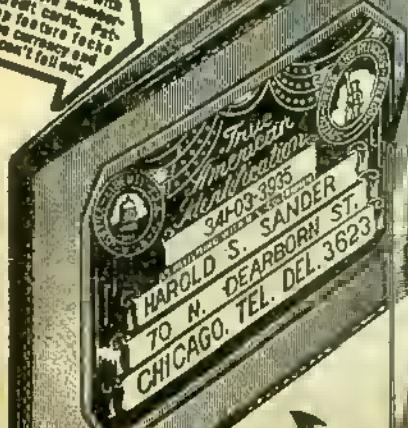
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